

**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Small Entity)**Applicant(s): **JORGE ABEL GROISO**

Docket No.

**NIE0003-US**

Serial No.

**10/051,156**

Filing Date

**January 22, 2002**

Examiner

**PRIDDY, Michael B.**

Group Art Unit

**3732**

Invention: **BONE STAPLE AND METHODS FOR CORRECTING BONE DEFICIENCIES BY CONTROLLABLY SUPPRESSING AND/OR INDUCING THE GROWTH OF THE EPIPHYSEAL PLATE**

**TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:**

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ Small Entity status of this application has been established under 37 CFR 1.27 by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish Small Entity status under 37 CFR 1.27 is enclosed.

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Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/>					\$0.00
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<p>In re the Application of:</p> <p>JORGE ABEL GROISO</p> <p>Serial No.: 10/051,156</p> <p>Filed: January 22, 2002</p> <p>For: BONE STAPLE AND METHODS FOR CORRECTING BONE DEFICIENCIES BY CONTROLLABLY SUPPRESSING AND/OR INDUCING THE GROWTH OF THE EPIPHYSEAL PLATE</p>	<p>Art Unit: 3732</p> <p>Examiner: PRIDDY, MICHAEL B.</p>
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**AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment:  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on May 26, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

No extension of time or other fees are believed to be due, except as detailed in the attached documents. However, any extension of time necessary to prevent abandonment is hereby requested, and any fee necessary for consideration of this response is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account Number 50-1390.

**Amendments to the Specification:** None.

**Amendments to the Claims:** reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

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**Amendments to the Drawings:** None.

**Remarks:** begin on page 6 of this paper.